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IKP Knowledge Park Appoints Dr. Satya Prakash Dash as Chief Executive Officer

Hyderabad, 23 December 2025: IKP Knowledge Park (IKP), a leading science park and innovation ecosystem enabler, has appointed Dr. Satya Prakash Dash as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Dr. Dash brings over 28 years of leadership experience across science, innovation, strategy and ecosystem building. Prior to joining IKP, he served as President -Strategy Bigtec, the wholly owned R&D arm of Molbio Diagnostics, one of India's leading In Vitro Diagnostics (IVD) companies.

In 2024, Dr. Dash played a pivotal role in establishing EDGE, a pioneering medtech corporate partnership programme by Molbio Diagnostics and Bigtec, designed to support startups in their scale-up journey. He also serves as a Senior Advisor to Blockchain for Impact (BFI), a first-of-its-kind biomedical research foundation in India, and as a Board Member of Venture Center, India's leading science and technology-based incubator in Pune and as Strategy counsel of DoTo Health.

Previously, Dr. Dash was the Founding Head – Strategy, Partnerships, and Entrepreneurship Development at BIRAC (India's nodal biotechnology funding agency) where he contributed to building a bio-innovation architecture for India designing more than 25 national programs that have supported 5000 biotech startups. His other leadership roles include Director, Global Innovations at PATH; Founding CEO of BITS BioCyTiH Foundation, a research foundation supporting BITS Pilani across three campuses; and Chief Operating Officer of ABLE, India's national biotechnology industry association.

Commenting on his appointment, Dr. Satya Dash said "It is a privilege to lead IKP Knowledge Park, an organisation with a rich legacy of 26 years in the research, innovation and incubation space and that has created impact globally. I am eager to collaborate with our partners across government, industry, academia and the third sector to empower the next generation of biotech startups & SMEs. I aim to build on IKP's storied legacy to scale the impact and solidify our standing on the global stage"

Deepanwita Chattopadhyay, Chairman and Managing Director said, "Dr. Dash's appointment comes at a crucial moment as IKP looks ahead to its next phase of growth. His extensive experience in science-led innovation, public-private partnerships, and ecosystem building will be invaluable as we strengthen our role in enabling startups and translating research into scalable, real-world impact."

About IKP Knowledge Park:

IKP Knowledge Park (IKP) is a 200-acre premier Science Park and Incubator with physical presence in Hyderabad and Bengaluru. It is the first wet lab research park and incubator in India set up with the mission to create a world-class ecosystem for fostering leading edge innovation.

IKP promotes the advancement of technology-based innovators, entrepreneurs and small and large companies through customized infrastructure, shared facilities, incubation, mentorship, and access to funding. Till date, IKP has supported 1850+ companies from nine countries, 90% of which are start-ups.